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NEWSLETTER

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

As directed by the President and the constitution of the Nebraska Numismatic Association, the nominations for the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President are now being accepted and solicited and shall be kept open only until March 8, 1972 (30 days prior to the convention). At this time the Secretary-Treasurer will furnish all paid-up members with ballots and special envelopes. The polls, both mail and in-person will close at noon of the first day of the convention, at which time the election committee as appointed by the President at the convention will count the ballots and report the results at the afternoon meeting of the association. Mail all nominations in addition to the below to Robert Weimer, Postal Box 30011, Lincoln NE 68510. At this early date the following nominations have been received:

President:	Bart Lewis (Lincoln) [2]
First V.P:	E. C. Brodd (Wahoo) [1]
	Elmer Nelson (Grand Island) [1]
Second V.P.:	Allan Schrock (Omaha) [2]

All of the above are well qualified, but the annual plea for some nominations from outside the eastern third of the state is still appropriate. There are many qualified people from the outer reaches...lets have some nominations for them!

Remember that the constitution now calls for dues to be paid during January rather than at the convention so please fill in the coupon below and mail it with your dollar in the enclosed envelope. Your ballot and a late program for the convention will be mailed about the middle of March.

Don't forget to circle the 8th and 9th of April on your calendar and we will see you in Grand Island! By the way the ponies will be running Elmer Nelson tells us so bring a few extra bucks. The ladies activites will also be spelled out in our interim NEWSLETTER in March.

It's Time to Renew

1972 dues are now payable. Please complete the coupon and return it, with your $1.00 dues in the enclosed envelope to the N.N.A., Postal Box 30011, Lincoln, NE 68510

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Metrology or Numismatics

by BOB KUTCHER

Metrology is the science of weights and measures and a very important part of numismatics. In fact metrology and Numismatics in their beginnings were almost synonymous. Weights and weighing were developed as a means of keeping track of bits of presious metals. These bits of metal were later marked and they became coins. Many of these early coins were called by the name of the unit of weight that they represented, "shekel" was, for example, a unit of weight common to all but one of the eight ancient standards, and was also the name of the coins that weighed one shekel. Petrie, who collected thousands of specimens of ancient weights, found that they belong to a standard known as the *beqa*, which has the longest history of any weight standard, and has always been associated with the weighing of gold. The earliest pictorial evidence of weighing was found in Egypt and dates back to the Dynasty V period (about 2500 B.C.) and shows the balance in use only by goldsmiths and jewelers, weighing gold in the temple treasuries. So far, no evidence has been found of the use of weighing until there is also evidence of gold being in use.

In early times, and even after coined money was common, it was not unusual for jewelery, ornaments, or any object of gold or silver or other precious metals to be weighed and given a recipt and given or exchanged as payment. This weighing of coins and jewelery is mentioned many times in the Bible: see Gen. 23:15-16, 24:22, 43:21 and Ezra 2:69.

Although credit for the invention of coined money is given to the Lydians, they were not the first people to use pieces of precious metals as money. Large cast bars, ingots and nuggets, some with inscriptions or marks guaranteeing their weight and purity. This was a big step in the development of everyday commerce, since the coins did not need to be weighed and their worth calculated in each business transaction, as did the pieces of metal formerly used. The underlying principle of coinage was expressed very well by the Greek philosopher Aristotle, who said "not all the necessaries of life are easy of carriage; wherefore, to effect their exchanges, men contrived something to give and take among themeselves, which, being valuable in itself, had the advantage of being easily passed from hand to hand for the needs of life; such as iron or silver or something else of that kind, of which they first determined merely the size and weight, but eventually put a stamp on it in order to save the trouble of weighing, and this stamp became the sign of its value."

Today in the U.S., we use four different standards of weights, Troy weight, Avoirdupois weight, Apothecaries weight and Metric weight. The use of different standards for weighing different things is somewhat of a carryover from ancient times where cities had a standard of commercial weight for bulky merchandise, and a standard for gold and still another for silver. The French were the first to standardize when commerce literally stood still from the varied standards. This was in 1791 and since then every nation in the world except the U.S. and England who have not adopted the metric system but both use it in scientific work.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

The Coin World, in its January issue, finally got around to reporting on the exhibit awards from the A.N.A. convention held last August. First Place in class seven, Foreign Coins after 1500 A.D. was won by Allen Schrock of Omaha who has just been nominated for second vice president of the N.N.A. The exhibit which has also won top honors at our conventions was entitled "Sverige Mynt" or Swedish Money. Five cases were employed to give the viewer an overview of the Swedish coinage as well as to illustrate some of the more unusual coinage used by the Swedes. Our belated but genuine congratulations to Allen, whose class was the third largest one with 16 exhibitors and 54 cases of specimens making his accomplishment doubly great.

Walt Carlstrom was in the hospital in October for a serious operation but is, after two months of rest, completely recovered.

Vivian Cooper sprained one ankle and broke the other last year but is also reported back in shape.

Lincoln Banker Samuel Whitworth was nominated to the 1972 annual Mint Assay Commission in January by President Nixon. the formal nomination was backed up by a letter from mint director Mary Brooks with the actual "trial of the pyx" to be held in February. We hope to have a detailed report from Sam in the next NEWSLETTER.

Lincoln Coin Club and N.N.A. member Hobart Boswell Jr. was presented with the Red Cross Award of Merit, their highest national award by Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf during December. The award was presented for action taken by Boswell in saving the life of William Shenk who had been pinned under a tractor.

South Central Nebraska Coin Club

The club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the House of Yesterday museum with door prizes and auction monthly. The election of officers elected the folowing 1972 personnel:

President: Kenneth Fisk
Vice Pres: Darrell Bauder
Secretary: John Weiler

The Missouri Valley Wooden Money Society

The MVWMS met in conjunction with the N.N.A. last March with nearly twenty members in attendance. Plans were laid for their annual meeting to be held in September and predicted that membership would be over 1,000 during the year. Guests of honor Wendell and Thelma Morningstar also walked off with the top two trophies for wooden money at the state show as sponsored by the MVWMS. One ambitious member, Earl O'Cathey wrote and published the association's history and dispensed the booklet free of charge to members. At the Society's third annual meeting in September the following officers were elected: President, Clifford Kreizel Jr.; First Vice President, Aksel Hansen; Second Vice President, Donald Lindgren. For more information on the organization or how to secure membership write to MVWMS, %1350 No. Hancock, Fremont NE 68025. Now, how about an article on Nebraska wood money issues for the N.N.A. NEWSLETTER?

LETTERS

Officers and members N.N.A.

As you know, one of the finest poets of America lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. His works have received world-wide praise. At the age of "91," he remains mentally and physically active, speaking to enthralled audiences in the Mid-west. Of course, I refer to Dr. John G. Neihradt, who claims Lincoln as his official home (he resides with Mr & Mrs J. D. Younge).

Dr. Neihardt has done a lot for Nebraska. He has received numerous awards for his literature and he has considerably elevated Nebraska above "Beef State" status, along with Mari Sandoz, Willa Cather, Bess Streeter Aldrich and Wright Morris. Black Elk Speaks has been translated into seven languages. He is an epic poet, and his Cycle of the West ranks with Milton's Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained and Dante's Divina Commedia. The awards he has received are really too numerous to list but to name a few; Ak-Sar-Ben Hall of Fame, Old West Trails Foundation, Black Elk Speaks named one of the world's greatest books from the Bible through Shakespeare and Faulkner, numerous honorary doctorates, national television coverage and a bust located in the Nebraska State Capitol.

He has received many awards, but he has never been honored by a medal issued in his honor. I feel that a numismatically worthy event would be the minting of a limited edition of Neihardt medals. The medals would be eagerly sought after by medal collectors, educators, fans of Neihardt, students, readers, lovers of Americana, Nebraskans, Missourians and the residents of many other states.

I am writing to you to suggest that the Nebraska Numismatic Association consider sponsoring the minting of a strictly limited edition of John G. Neihardt Medals in silver and/or bronze. Yours is the first coin, medal (or numismatic club.) in the country that I have written to suggesting this. You would find welcome support from me, the Neihardt Foundation in Bancroft, the Younges, teacher groups and many other people in Nebraska, for this medal.

If I can supply any other information on Dr. Neihardt for your use, please let me know. If you should decide againse sponsoring the issuance of such a medal, I will write other coin clubs in the state, and other organization in the U.S. in search of a sponsor. I hope that your decision will be "yes." In any event thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert M. Vassell
Professor of English

Here is a sincere idea with a great deal of substance and thought. Not a mere medal which would go out of date as most, but one to be proud of and whcih would endure. The proposal will be brought up at the business meeting in Grand Island. If you are interested please make an attempt to be present for the discussion. Editor

GOLD COINS OF THE AMERICAS. By Robert Harris. 1971. Hardbound. ANCO, 4320 Huntsville Road, Florence AL 35360. $7.95

This book is the latest in a series by Harris under the auspices of Numismatic News and ANCO. In nearly 300 pages Mr. Harris offers a detailed listing gold coin issues of the Western hemisphere from about 1750 to 1971. The book is arranged alphabetically by country and by date with appropriate values for all regular issues and some patterns. The book is illustrated with over 500 photographs and the explanatory material includes the diameters and weights of each issue.

AMERICAN GUIDE TO U.S. COINS. By Charles F. French. 1971. Hardbound. Trident Press, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, NY. $5.95

The 1972 edition is the eighth edition of this hardbound book which the publishers note has established "itself as one of the most popular and authoritative coin books available." One of the best features of the book as far as the experienced collector is concerned will be the 21 short but well written chapters covering such topics as: cleaning coins, counterfeits, mint errors, how values are determined, private issues, tokens, patterns and even the "Ike dollar." Much of the 191 page book is taken up with a sort of "Redbook" comilation of auction and retail price lists which basically look accurate. One feature is that many items which are not valued elsewhere are also listed. The book will find most sale in department stores and general book stores but a few coin shops will have it also.

GUIDEBOOK OF PHILATELIC-NUMISMATIC COVERS. By Doris Walker. 1971. Paperbound. The 99 Company, Postal Box 99, San Clemente, CA 92672. $2.50

This catalog of philatelic-numismatic covers is fully illustrated and covers all issues produced from the inception of the hobby a few years back. Primarily or perhaps entirely the listing is a catalogue of the "99" Company's issues of cacheted envelopes with appropriate medals and commemorative stamps canceled in a city and on a date depicting the nature of the illustrated material, for example the issuance of the Kennedy half dollar. The P-N-C hobby itself was began the day that John Miles Baker wished to have visible proof that he had obtained two coins on the day they were issued. He was sucessful in having two envelopes registered with the coins attahced and a new hobby was born - appropriately termed "the wedding of stamps and coins."

The motto "Liberty" first appeared on the U.S. cents and half cents in 1793. "EPluribus Unum," which means "one out of many," was first used on the coins of Kentucky, New Jersey, and New York. The first national issue to contain it was the half eagle of 1795.

AT MEETINGS

Fremont Coin Club

We read in the A.N.A. Club Bulletin for December that the Fremont Coin Club has recently issued wooden nickels saluting the new Fremont Youth Canteen. The nickels picture a buffalo on the reverse and are orange in color. When the Fremont Library moved into their new building the old one was offered for sale which prompted the conversion. The story also noted that after a three month summer layoff the club assumed regular meetings. The nickels, by the way are 15¢ each or two for 25¢ from Gelvin Leeper, 1350 N. Hancock, Fremont, NE

Lincoln Coin Club

During August the Lincoln Coin Club held its annual picnic with about 50 members and guests and on the same note ahd a very succesful ladies night/Christmas party on December 3 with 59 attending. The feature entertainment for the evening was bingo called by John Gabarron and a harmonica solo by LeRoy Fisher. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at the downtown public library with every other meeting featuring a speaker or film on a particular member's collecting speciality. The officers for 1972 are: President, William Hokanson, Vice President, Chris Wilkens; Treasurer, Larry Rowe; Secretary, Jim McKee; Sgt-at-Arms, Tom Cole. The club's 420th member was voted into active membership at the January meeting.

Omaha Coin Club

The Omaha Coin Club still meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Commercial Savings and Loan Association at 3520 North 90th Street and welcomes visitors attendance. The club's officers through June of 1972 are:

President: Dick Fielding
Vice Pres: Jim Matney
Secretary: Steve Swanson
Treasurer: Leo Ohlinger

For more information on the club or its fast approaching 1972 coin show write in care of Postal Box 1003 - Downtown Station, Omaha, NE 68101

Grand Island Coin Club

The Grand Island Coin Club held its annual Auction of officers on October 4 of 1971. Newly elected personell include:

President: Earle Danaher
Vice Pres: Duane Johnson
Sec-Treas: Elmer G. Nelson
Governors: Aksel Hansen, Glenn Jones and Charles Boldt

The club meets the first Monday of each month at the Commercial National Bank's community room. Coin auction and door prizes are presented at each meeting. All collectors are welcome.

Minden Coin Club

The election of officers was held on January 19, 1972 with the following results:

President: Elmer Nelson
Vice Pres: Kenneth White
Secretary: Don Jensen

The Minden club meets the third Wednesday of each month at the First National Bank Building. A coin auction and door prizes are featured at the meetings. All coin collectors are urged to visit.

Convention Program

Saturday April 8, 1972

8:30 A.M. Exhibit/Bourse room opens for dealer set-up
9:00 A.M. Registration opens "Elk's Lodge"
Bourse Floor officially opens
Exhibits officially open
12:45 P.M. Ladies Luncheon - Hotel Yancey
2:00 P.M. 17th Annual N.N.A. Business meeting.
Hotel Yancey - Platte Room
6:30 P.M. Bourse/Exhibit floor close for the day
7:00 P.M. Annual Banquet and Awards presentation
Hotel Yancey - Platte Room

Sunday April 9, 1972

8:30 A.M. President's Breakfast - Hotel Yancey
By invitation only.
9:00 A.M. Bourse/Exhibit floor opens
5:30 P.M. 17th Annual Convention closes

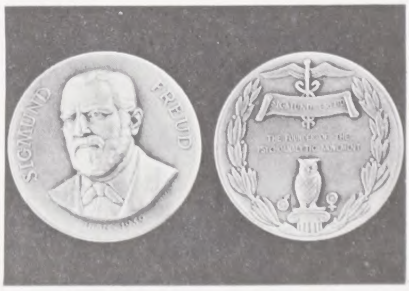
Many times and places have not been firmed up. For these events check the official program available at the hospitality and registration desk. All state organizations having meetings will be in the Hotel Yancey with times not assigned.

Convention Committees:

Co-Chairmen: Aksel Hansen and Elmer Nelson

Bourse Committee: Elmer Nelson and Earle Danaher
Exhibits Committee: Jim Jorgensen and Earle Danaher
Security Committee: Ray Molczyk and Bob Wortman
Banquet Committee: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boldt and Mr. and Mrs. Aksel Hansen
Awards: Aksel Hansen and Wayne Wortman
Banquet M.C.: Jim McKee

The Heritage Mint has issued a new medal honoring Sigmund Freud, the founder of the psychanalytic movement. Sculpted by prominent artist John Terken, the portrait depicts the renowned doctor during his middle years at the peak of his powers. Because of the unusually high relief, the obverse of the medals must be struck nine times in order to achieve the detail intended by the artist. It is cast in bronze to a diameter of three inches, weigh 3/4 of a pound and is almost 1/2 inch thick. The reverse, in low relief, symbolizes the doctor's life. The medal may be obtained by writing the Heritage Mint, 939 Eighth Avenue, New York City, NY 10019. Cost is $16 per medal postpaid.



OFFICIAL N.N.A. EXHIBIT RULES

ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS

Any person who is a member of the N.N.A. or any Nebraska coin club or is registered a this convention by paying one dollar registration and submits the appropriate application is eligible to exhibit at the convention. The application shall be filled out, signed and submitted to the Exhibit Chairman no later than 11:00 A.M. of the opening day of the convention. Declinations are at the discretion of the Chairman.

ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITS

Exhibits must consist only of items which are the exclusive property of the exhibitor.

Any material in a display which is not genuine must be identified as such, so as to not leave any doubt to the viewer.

Any exhibitor taking a first prize in this show may not exhibit the same material competitively in the same category at the next N.N.A. sponsored show.

No single exhibit may be entered in more than one classification. However an exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit if each is in a different category.

The exhibit area provided for any competitive exhibit shall not exceed that of two standard A.N.A. cases (18"x30"). Special size requirements must be cleared with the Exhibit Chairman.

No exhibitor may exhibit any non-competitive case in an area adjacent to that in which he displays a competitive display.

All exhibts must be placed by 11:00 A.M. on the first day of the convention and must remain in place until 5:00 P.M. of the last day to qualify for awards unless special arrangements are made.

No previous awards or the name of the exhibitor may be shown in or with an exhibit.

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

The N.N.A. will furnish cases, but any exhibitor may provide his own subject to space limitations above and that the cases or frames furnished are so constructed that the contents are secure from theft. Cases should be arranged for in advance by writing the exhibit comm.

IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

Each individual exhibit will be assigned a number by the Exhibit Chairman, who shall cause an identification card to be placed in or on each case. This card will indicate the exhibitor's number, the classification number, the case number and the number of cases in that specific exhibit. The Chairman will keep a record for each exhibit, showing the information contained on the cards and the name of the exhibitor. This information will not be disclosed to the judges prior to the completion of the exhibits.

SECURITY

Appropriate security measures and protection will be taken and provided by the N.N.A., however, no liability shall be attached to the N.N.A. or to the host club, the officers and members of these organization, either in their official or individual capacities, due to the theft of, loss of, or damage to any material placed on display.

EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATION

All exhibits shall be entered in one of the following:

1. United States Coins
2. Coins prior to 1500 A.D.
3. Foreign Coins from 1500 A.D.
4. All paper money

5. Miscellaneous and Specialized
6. Non-Competitive
7. Others as assigned by the Exhibit Chairman

Classification 5 shall include all items not covered in numbers 1 through 4, such as medals, etc. Gold coins are included in classification numbers 1-3. Existing classes may be altered by the addition or deletion of classes by the Exhibit Chairman but such alterations shall be made known in advance of the show.

AWARDS

Exhibits entered in competition will be judged by a committee of three or more judges. Unless the lack competion in any classification does not warrant them, first, second and third place awards will be made in each class. A Best-of-Show award is to be given and will be determined by the judges as to which exhibit is the best overall exhibit. In addition, an award will be given to the best Junior Exhibit and to the most Educational Exhibit. The Best Junior and Most Educational awards must go to N.N.A. members, as these are special awards honoring deceased members of the N.N.A. No exhibit will receive more than one award.

JUDGES

Exhibits will be judged on a point basis, the points being determined by each judge, independently, using the following table as a maximum standard:

1.	Numismatic Information	35 points
2.	Originality and Style	35
3.	Condition of material	10
4.	Completeness of series	10
5.	Rarity and or value	10
	MAXIMUM POINT TOTAL	100

Suitable awards for first, second and third places will be provided in each exhibit class, for the Best-of-Show, Best Junior and Most Educational Exhibits. However, awards will not be given by virtue of being the only exhibit in a given classification ie. each award winner must receive at least 51 points by each judge to be eligible for an award.

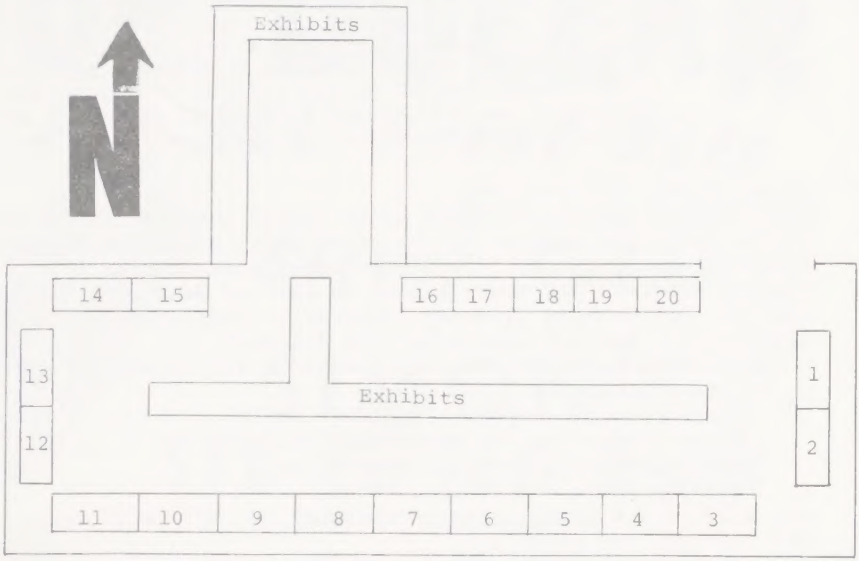
INFRACTION OF AND ALTERATION OF THESE RULES

Anyone finding an ifraction of these rules shall notify the Exhibit Chairman at once. If an infraction has indeed occurrred the exhibitor will be notified and the matter corrected or the display disqualified. These rules may be altered in writing by the Exhibit Chairman and committee but may not be made so as to give an advantage to any individual display.

OFFICIAL N.N.A. WOODEN 50¢

Not to be outdone by the miriad of wooden nickels, this years convention is being advertised by the issuance of a wooden half dollar as illustrated below. The halves may be ordered from Nebraska Numismatic Association President Aksel Hansen for 5¢ each plus a stamped self addressed envelope at his address of 4214 Avenue "G", Kearney, NE 68847. This is obviously in the spirit of "what this country needs is a good five cent half dollar." Aksel can also be contacted for a supply of posters for the coming convention if you can put any in your local windows.

CONVENTION DEALERS



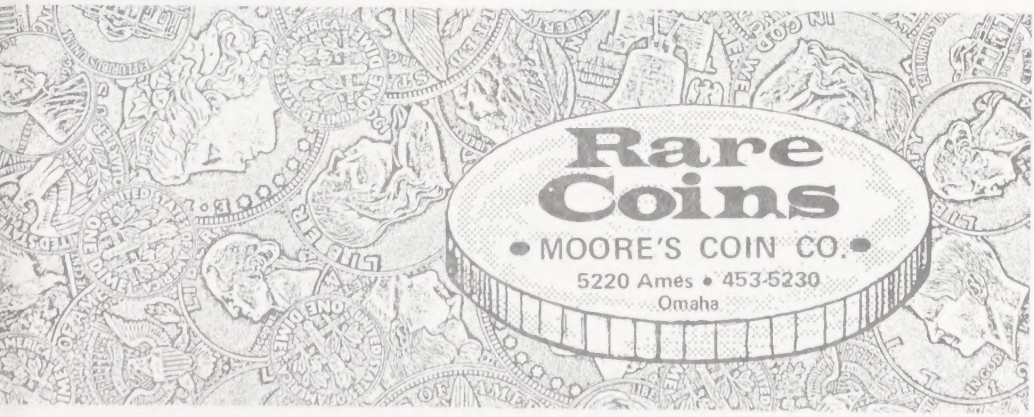
CONFIRMED BOURSE DEALERS

Table 1	Walt Carlstrom
2	E. C. Brodd
3	Dean Petersen
4	Dave Dorfman
5	Centennial Coins
19	George Neiderauer
20	Marvin Luke

CONFIRMED BOURSE DEALERS
NO TABLE ASSIGNMENTS YET

Jim Crosby-Hobby House
Ken Baker-Rising Sun
Jim Aksamit
Chris Wilken
J. Roger Bolz

Other dealers who wish tables must confirm their interest with a check for $20.00 to Elmer Nelson, Box 674, Grand Island, NE immediately. Checks may be postdated to April 1, 1972.



MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS

1972

March 3-5. Fremont Nebr. Fremont Hobby Show.

March 19. Fremont Nebr. Fremont Coin Club annual 1 day show Fremont City Auditorium. 1722 E. 19th St., Fremont

March 26. Hastings Nebr. Hastings Coin Club 15th annual coin show. City Auditorium. 104 W 7th, Hastings NE 68901

April 8-9. Grand Island, Nebr. NEBRASKA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 17th ANNUAL CONVENTION AND BOURSE. Elmer Nelson co-chairman, box 674, Grand Island, NE 68801 for all exhibit, bourse, banquet, ladies activities etc.

Great Plains Coin Festival

Elmer Nelson reports that the tenth annual show for the Great Plains group was held at the Hastings City Auditorium on September 11 and 12. Over 300 persons were in attendance from Kansas, Colorado and South Dakota as well as Nebraska. The 100 lot auction held Saturday featured a proof 1856 flying eagle cent. Exhibit awards were as follows:

Best-of-Show: Aksel Hansen of Kearney for Colonial Currency

Superior Awards by Class

- Elmer Nelson - Odd and Primitive Monies
- Elmer Nelson - U. S. Fractional Currency
- Mrs Ray White - Canadian Type Coins
- Mrs Ray White - Christmas Medals

The 1972 show will be held in September of 1972 in Minden.

Officers for the group are:

General Chairman: Elmer G. Nelson
Security: Jim Jorgensen
Exhibits: Earle Danaher
Auction: Virgil Mercier and Don Jensen

Grand Island Coin Club Show

The club's annual mid-winter show was held January 23, 1972 at the Hotel Yancey. Between 500 and 600 persons attended with bourse dealers from Iowa, Colorado and Nebraska. Exhibit winners as picked by judges Bob Kutcher, Chris Wilkins and Bob Weimer were:

BEST-OF-SHOW: Elmer G. Nelson of Grand Island-Odd&Primitive
First Superior: Gelvin Leeper - Wooden Money
Second Superior: Randy Ratzlaff - U.S. Cents
Third Superior: Federal Reserve Notes - Brian Leeper
Fourth Superior: Elmer Nelson - Coins of Ancient Rome

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